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drying process and storage for 1 day. This is logically to be expected from the Fulger et al. disclosed process.

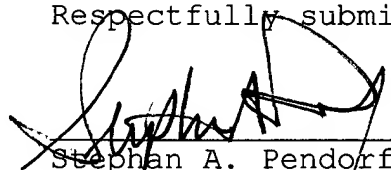
The residual amount of isopropanol found in the particles according to Fulger et al. after drying and storage for at least one month at room temperature is about 100 -150 ppm (by weight). So this is really an amount that will stay incorporated in the particle. Such an amount alters the sensory, physical and also the toxicological properties of the particle.

The particles according to the invention, in contrast, show an isopropanol content that is smaller than 1ppm (this is obvious, since isopropanol is not part of the process at all).

The isopropanol-content was measured by quantitative GC/MS.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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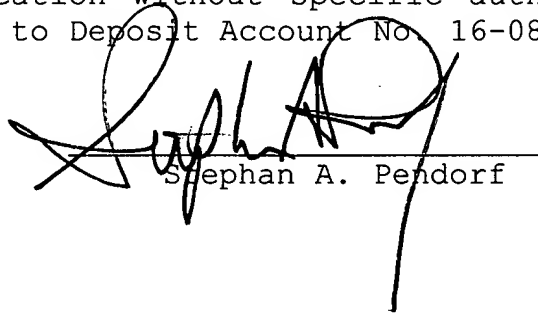
I hereby certify that the foregoing AMENDMENT B for U.S. Application No. 09/707,270 filed November 6, 2000, was deposited

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any
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or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE HEREBY ATTACHED

The Examiner is requested to accept the marked-up version as it is based on the previous version, which when modified as below, produces the clean version submitted with the current amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claim:

--12. A process as in claim 5, wherein said particles comprise less than 1 ppm isopropanol.--